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LB 184, 536, 775, 780

are distorted. The law is perverted and we wind up with a situation such as LB 536 envisions. I am going to continue my struggle, uphill though it be, to stop this bad proposal from becoming law in the State of Nebraska. I am not impressed by how many other states may have been moved by their merchants associations to put bad legislation on the books. I am not going to ever call around to a lot of states when I can see with my own good judgment that a piece of legislation is bad. I don't need them to tell me. And if they have adopted it, it simply...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...means that they have a foolish legislature, one that gives in to pressure and is not going to make a judgment based on the merits. When there are complex legal issues or simple-minded legal issues that wind up before a court, it is because legislatures are peopled by individuals either not trained in what the law ought to be and what it ought to say, how it ought to deal with its citizens, or who simply don't care. A special interest group brings in a piece of trash and says, get this passed for me and I will support you down the line. And that's usually enough to set the senator running, boogety, boogety, boogety, and we wind up with this bad legislation before us. I intend this evening to squeeze every drop of turnip blood out of this turnip. So we have a good amount of time to spend here and I am prepared to spend it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. You have heard the closing and the question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Voting on the Chambers amendment. Have you all voted? Record. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read the record vote. See page 2366 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President,

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. Anything to read in?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to print amendments to 184; Senator Abboud to 775; Senator Morehead to 780; Senator Schmit to 775. That's all that I have. (See pages 2366-68 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rupp, for what purpose do you rise?